

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A glove with a protective pad assembly, comprising:
  - 2 a base layer that extends over a user's palm and encircles a user's thumb
  - 3 to protect a user's hand to which protective layers are to be applied, the base layer
  - 4 including loop fasteners on an outwardly facing surface to provide a soft surface
  - 5 and allow placement of a plurality of protective layers corresponding to an injury
  - 6 to a median nerve, the user's thumb, or bones or joints covered by the base layer
  - 7 in any location on the outwardly facing surface; and
  - 8 the plurality of protective layers consist of protective material with hook
  - 9 fasteners on a first side and loop fasteners on a second surface, the respective
  - 10 layers of the plurality of protective layers being smaller than the base layer and
  - 11 sized to cover regions of the base layer that correspond to an the injury to a the
  - 12 median nerve, the user's thumb, or bones or joints covered by the glove, the
  - 13 plurality of layers being arranged relative to the base layer to provide a selected
  - 14 number of protective layers to selected locations that correspond to the injury to
  - 15 the median nerve, the user's thumb, or bones or joints covered by the glove, the
  - 16 protective layers being configured to fasten to the base layer by a first side of a
  - 17 first protective layer fastening to the loop fastener on the base layer and a second
  - 18 side of the first protective layer attaching to a first side of a second protective
  - 19 layer to provide at a given selected location the protection of at least two
  - 20 protective layers attached to the base layer and to provide at any other selected
  - 21 locations as needed the protection of the same or a different number of layers.
- 1 2. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, further comprising:
  - 2 a cover layer that includes a smooth outer surface and an inner surface with fasteners that
  - 3 secure the cover layer in place relative to an outermost protective layer.

- 1 3. (Cancelled)
- 1 4. (Original) The assembly of claim 2 wherein at least one of the protective layers or the  
2 cover layer is waterproof.
- 1 5. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is padding.
- 1 6. (Original) The assembly of claim 5 wherein the padding is closed cell foam.
- 1 7. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is a gel pad.
- 1 8. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is a hot or cold  
2 pack.
- 1 9. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is a thermal  
2 resistant material.
- 1 10. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material for one or more  
2 of the protective layers consists of or includes a rigid material.
- 1 11. (Original) The assembly of claim 10 wherein the rigid material is a splint.
- 1 12. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of protective  
2 layers extends past the area covered by the base layer.
- 1 13. (Cancelled)
- 1 14. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the integral fasteners on the surfaces of  
2 the base layer and protective layers are hooks or loops used in a hook and loop fastening  
3 system.

1 15. – 24. (Cancelled).

1 25. (Currently Amended) A glove with a protective pad assembly comprising:  
2 a removable base layer that covers a user's palm and portions of a user's thumb,  
3 the base layer including loop fasteners on an internal facing surface to provide a soft  
4 surface against the user's palm and to allow placement of a plurality of protective layers  
5 corresponding to particular nerves, bones, joints or tendons covered by the base layer in  
6 any location on the internal facing surface; and

7 the plurality of removably located protective layers that consist of protective  
8 material with hook fasteners on a first side and loop fasteners on a second surface, the  
9 respective layers of the plurality of removably located protective layers being smaller  
10 than the base layer and sized to cover regions of the base layer that correspond to  
11 locations of injuries to particular nerves, bones, joints or tendons to the area covered by  
12 the base layer, the plurality of removably located layers being arranged relative to the  
13 base layer to provide a selected number of protective layers to customizably selected  
14 locations that correspond to particular the injuries of the nerves, bones, joints or tendons  
15 to the area covered by the base layer, the protective layers being configured to fasten to  
16 the base layer by the first side of a first protective layer fastening to the loop fastener on  
17 the internal surface of the base layer and the second side of the first protective layer  
18 attaching to a first side of a second protective layer to provide at a given selected location  
19 the protection of at least two protective layers attached to the internal surface of the base  
20 layer and to provide at any other selected locations as needed the protection of the same  
21 or a different number of layers at any given time.

1 26. (Previously Presented) A glove, comprising:

2 a base layer that covers a user's hand and portions of a user's thumb, wherein the  
3 base layer includes loop fasteners on an internal and outwardly facing surface of the base  
4 layer; and

5           a plurality of protective layers that consist of protective material with hook fas-  
6    teners on a first side and loop fasteners on a second surface, the respective layers being  
7    smaller than the base layer and sized to cover an injured nerve within the user's hand, an  
8    inflamed area on the user's hand or an injury to the user's thumb, the plurality of remov-  
9    ably located layers being arranged relative to the base layer to provide a selected number  
10   of protective layers to customizably selected locations on the base layer that correspond  
11   to the injured nerve within the user's hand, the inflamed area on the user's hand or the  
12   injury to the user's thumb, the protective layers being configured to fasten to the base  
13   layer by a first side of a first protective layer fastening to the loop fastener on the internal  
14   or outwardly facing surface of the base layer and a second side of the first protective  
15   layer attaching to a first side of a second protective layer to one another to provide at a  
16   given selected location the protection of a of at least two protective layers attached to the  
17   surface of the base layer and to provide at any other selected locations as needed the pro-  
18   tection of the same or a different number of layers at any given time.

- 1   27. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is  
2   padding and the padding is placed on the internal facing surface.
- 1   28. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 27, wherein the padding is closed cell  
2   foam.
- 1   29. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is a gel  
2   pad, and the gel pad is placed on the internal facing surface.
- 1   30. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is a  
2   hot or cold pack, and the hot or cold pack is placed on the internal facing surface.
- 1   31. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is a  
2   thermal resistant material is placed on the internal facing surface.

- 1    32. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material for one
- 2    or more of the protective layers consists of or includes a rigid material.
  
- 1    33. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 32, wherein the rigid material is a splint.